

APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. An indeterminate length of pipe comprised of at least two corrugated sections of pipe joined by a coupler component, said coupler component having a male portion and a female portion to connect two of the corrugated sections, each corrugated section having a plurality of first corrugations, each of said first corrugations having a crest and a valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said first corrugations being a first distance,

 said male portion of each corrugated section having at least one second corrugation, each said second corrugation having a crest and valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said second corrugation being a second distance that is less than said first distance,

 said male portion of each corrugated section having at least one third corrugation, each said third corrugation having a crest and valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said third corrugation being a third distance that is less than said first distance, said crest of said third corrugation having a recessed area[, said recessed area] accommodating a sealing element[, with said sealing element being] that is retained between said recessed area and said female portion,

 [said second distance and said third distance each being less than said first distance,] said female portion telescopically receiv[es]ing said third corrugation and at least a portion of said second corrugation, [said female portion] and having a reinforcing means [on a segment of the] disposed around its exterior surface [of said female

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portion] at a position along the longitudinal axis of the female portion that is generally aligned with the sealing element.

6. The pipe according to claim 1, wherein said reinforcing means [is comprised of a selection from a group comprising] comprises one of tape, an adhesive layer, and [a suitable coating, such as] plastic, and [a selection from a group comprising] also comprises one of fiberglass, metal, carbon fibers, and plastic fibers.

8. (Once Amended) A water-tight connection between two sections of corrugated pipe, said pipe having a plurality of first corrugations, each of said first corrugations having a crest and a valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said first corrugations being a first distance,

 said connection comprising a male portion integrally molded to one of said sections and a female portion integrally molded to the other of said sections, said male portion having at least one second corrugation, each said second corrugation having a crest and valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said second corrugation being a second distance,

 said male portion also having at least one intermediate corrugation and at least one third corrugation, each said third corrugation having a crest and valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said third corrugation being a third distance, said crest of said third corrugation having a recessed area in which a gasket is seated,

 said second distance and said third distance each being less than said first distance, said female portion being of a length which is greater than that associated with

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[two] said third and intermediate corrugations[, said pipe having a gasket in the recess, said pipe being water-tight].

12. An indeterminate length of dual-wall plastic pipe comprised of at least two corrugated sections of pipe joined by a coupler component, said coupler component having a male portion and a female portion to connect said at least two corrugated sections, each corrugated section having a plurality of first corrugations, each of said first corrugations having a crest and a valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said first corrugations being a first distance,

 said male portion of each corrugated section having a single second corrugation[, each said second corrugation] having a crest and valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said second corrugation being a second distance that is less than said first distance,

 said male portion of each corrugated section having a single third corrugation[, each said third corrugation] having a crest and valley with the distance between the crest and valley of said third corrugation being a third distance that is less than said first distance,

 said female portion wall member telescopically receiving said third corrugation and at least a portion of said second corrugation, said crest of said third corrugation having a recessed area[, said recessed area] accommodating a sealing element[, with said sealing element being] that is retained between said recessed area and said female portion, [said second distance and said third distance each being less than said first distance,] said female portion having a reinforcing means [on a segment of the]

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disposed around its exterior surface [of said female portion] at a position along the longitudinal axis of the female portion that is generally aligned with the sealing element.

16. The pipe according to claim 12, wherein said reinforcing means [is comprised of a selection from a group comprising] comprises one of tape, an adhesive layer, and [a suitable coating, such as] plastic, and [a selection from a group comprising] also comprises one of fiberglass, metal, carbon fibers, and plastic fibers.

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